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To the Chairman and Members of the Weobley Rural
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1962, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

I would like to thank Mr. Morley for his help in the past year, and for his report which contains a great deal of interesting and informative material.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	49,727
Estimated mid-year home population	5,530
Average number of persons per acre	0.11
Number of inhabited houses	1,802
Average number of inhabited houses per acre	.03
Average number of persons per house	3.1
Rateable Value	£33,338
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£136.14.11.

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

Live Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	46	39	85
Illegitimate	3	1	4
	49	40	89

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.27	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	16.1	15.9	16.8	18.6	19.8
" " (Adjusted)	20.4	16.7	17.6	19.5	20.8
England and Wales	18.0	17.4	17.1	16.5	16.4

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Weobley R.D. ..	4.5
England and Wales ..	6.6

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	1	1

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Weobley R.D.	22.0	Nil	18.5	38.7	28.1
England and Wales	18.1	19.1	19.8	21.0	21.6

INFANT DEATH RATES

Early Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.	..	11.2
England and Wales	..	figure not yet available

Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Weobley R.D.		11.2
England and Wales	..	15.1

Perinatal Mortality

Still Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	1	1
	1	2	3

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D.	..	33.0
England and Wales	..	30.8

Infant Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Weobley R.D.	(Total	11.2	Nil	28.3	16.1	21.7
	(Legitimate	11.8	Nil	30.0	16.9	15.7
	(Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	90.9
England & Wales	(Total	21.6	21.6	21.9	22.2	22.5
	(Legitimate	*	21.2	21.5	21.9	22.3
	(Illegitimate	*	25.3	26.4	27.4	27.8

* figures not yet available

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Weobley R.D.	..	Nil
England and Wales	..	figure not yet available

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	29	27	56

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 0.76		1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Weobley R.D. (Crude)	..	10.1	11.5	10.0	10.7	9.3
" " (Adjusted)	..	7.7	11.0	9.6	10.3	8.9
England and Wales	..	11.9	12.0	11.5	11.6	11.7

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	4	8	12

Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

		1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Weobley R.D.	..	2.17	2.35	1.59	1.05	0.72
England and Wales	..	2.18	2.15	2.16	2.14	2.12

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disea e:	19	14	33

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

		1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Weobley R.D.	..	5.97	5.40	5.24	6.15	5.17
England and Wales	..	6.14	6.10	6.00	5.88	6.07

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	3	2	5

Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Weobley R.D. ..	0.90	1.62	1.43	1.20	1.00
England and Wales ..	1.57	1.60	1.26	1.53	1.37

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	3	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	3	5
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	3	6
Coronary disease, angina	8	3	11
Other heart disease	8	5	13
Other circulatory disease	-	3	3
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	1	2	3
Bronchitis	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	2	3
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	-	1	1
	29	27	56

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN THE RURAL DISTRICT OF WEOBLEY DURING THE YEAR 1962

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Measles	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	-	2	4	2	13
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Erysipelas	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1962

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	3	1	2	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	13
Measles	-	-	-	6	14	103	52	23	3	40	79	17	337
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	9
Erysipelas	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	5
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Post-Infectious	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Acute Pneumonia	4	-	5	-	1	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	15
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	7
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE - COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

Weobley Rural District

Disease	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Whooping Cough	-	22	18	13	11
Measles	13	84	6	85	143
Scarlet Fever	1	4	10	6	1
Erysipelas	1	-	1	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	7	9	12	8	5
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	3	43	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	1	3	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	-	-	3	4	2
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	1	1	-

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	13	126	70	38	39
Measles	337	583	189	388	258
Scarlet Fever	9	11	23	46	28
Erysipelas	5	3	4	4	2
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	2	1	3	-	-
Post-Infectious	2	-	1	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	15	18	18	33	14
Dysentery	1	62	123	3	16
Food Poisoning	5	11	39	3	5
Paratyphoid Fever	1	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	-	-	2
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	7	9	7	13	7
Non-Pulmonary	2	2	3	2	3
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	1	-	-	-	-

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Herefordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	0.36	0.19
Measles	9.28	4.00
Scarlet Fever	0.25	0.33
Acute Encephalitis:		
Infective	0.05	0.002
Post-Infectious	0.05	0.003
Acute Pneumonia	0.41	0.27
Dysentery	0.03	0.66
Food Poisoning	0.14	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	0.03	0.003
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.19	0.39
Non-Pulmonary	0.05	0.05
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.70	8.33

* per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1961	25	11	7	6
Moved into district	1	1	-	-
Moved out of district	1	-	-	-
Recovered	1	-	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1962.	24	12	7	6

TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1958	2	71	1	2
1959	5	69	1	4
1960	4	54	1	5
1961	1	49	1	1
1962	Nil	49	-	1

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORT

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE DISTRICT

Situated in the North Western portion of the County, the Rural District comprises 26 Parishes covering an area of 49,727 acres.

Whilst there are no exceptionally large villages, each parish has a village or hamlet forming a nucleus.

The predominant industry is agriculture and although mechanisation and improved methods of farming have resulted through the years in a gradual reduction in the number of persons employed in agriculture, the greater portion of the population is still engaged either directly or indirectly with it but the number of persons seeking employment in the nearby towns of Hereford and Leominster is slowly on the increase.

There is also a tendency for some townspeople to wish to reside in the various villages and to travel to and fro daily to occupations in the towns, this tendency is beneficial to the rural district in every way.

WATER SUPPLIES

(a) Regional and Village Schemes

The Herefordshire Water Board mains supply the greater portion of the larger villages.

Schemes in course of preparation will eventually afford a piped supply to the parishes of Almeley, Kinnersley, Letton, Preston-on-Wye, Moccas and Blakemere, and several cases of water shortage within these parishes have been reported during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES (Continued)

The Council is anxious that the Water Board should proceed with Phase II of the Regional Scheme originally promoted by them, as soon as the Water Board receives Government sanction.

Water supplied from public water mains direct to houses (including farm houses)

Parish	No. of houses	Approx.Population
Birley	4	12
Bishopstone	26	78
Bridge Sollars	4	12
Byford	13	39
Canon Pyon	13	39
Dilwyn	70	210
Eardisland	30	90
Kings Pyon	27	81
Mansel Lacy	28	84
Monnington-on-Wye	2	6
Norton Canon	31	93
Sarnesfield	1	3
Staunton-on-Wye	54	162
Stretford	1	3
Weobley	183	549
Yazor	14	42

Water supplied from private mains

Parish	No. of houses	Approx.Population
Almeley	21	63
Bridge Sollars	2	6
Canon Pyon	2	6
Wormesley	8	24
Yazor	15	45

Water supplied from public water mains by means of standpipes

Parish	No. of houses	Approx.Population
Weobley	7	21

The water supplied from these public and private mains is satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

(b) The Examination and Sampling of Water Supplies

During the year 68 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination, as follows:

	Satis-factory	Unsatis-factory	Total
Public supplies (chlorinated)	33	3	36
Council Houses: Almeley	-	1	1
Other supplies (wells, springs, and private supplies)	14	17	31
	47	21	68

WATER SUPPLIES (Continued)

Where samples proved to be unsatisfactory, occupiers were notified that water used for drinking purposes should be boiled prior to use.

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The sewage disposal works at Weobley has functioned satisfactorily during the year and is fully capable of meeting the immediately foreseeable demands as respects new housing.

Revised proposals as respects the Dilwyn Scheme were submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The introduction of a system of sewers in this village, where most of the houses now have piped water supplies, would represent a major step forward and would be likely to result in some new private housing development in the parish.

Proposals for the construction of a small sewerage scheme to serve the village of New End, Canon Pyon and the proposed Council Housing development in that area received a set back when the Council were advised that the Ministry of Housing and Local Government would not agree to the acceptance of a combined negotiated tender for the sewerage scheme and housing scheme. At the close of the year revised proposals were in course of preparation.

Number of houses connected to public sewers:	179
Number of houses connected to satisfactory private disposal works:	462 (est)
Number of houses using chemical, pail or earth closets with satisfactory disposal:	Not known
Number of houses without satisfactory means of disposal:	Not known

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the district.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Throughout the year, including the exceptionally difficult weather conditions during January, the collection of household refuse has continued on a three weekly basis and although the problem of disposal of the collected refuse is still a majot problem, the time is approaching when the Council may feel inclined to consider the introduction of a fortnightly collection in some of the larger villages, as a step ultimately towards a fortnightly collection throughout the entire district.

The increased use of wrappers, cartons, plastic and metal containers for foods results in more household refuse and consideration of a fortnightly collection at least in some of the larger villages would be well worth while.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL (Continued)

Grateful thanks are again due to Mr. Hall of Bidney and to Sir Richard Verdin for their kind assistance in placing the Bidney Tip at the Council's disposal.

Throughout the year the refuse vehicle travelled 5,825 miles on the various rounds. The estimated average mileage per gallon of fuel being 6.2.

DISINFECTIONS

Terminal disinfection is carried out as requisite. Formalin gas or Sulphur Dioxide being employed when appropriate.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Rodent Control

Further consideration has been given by the Council towards the statutory obligations of Local Authorities under Section 2 of the Act, and in June arrangements were made to re-engage the former Pests Inspector to re-commence a survey of the district, the contract in force as respects Council properties still remaining in operation.

A table describing the properties inspected and visited during the year is on page 16.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

There are no large factories within the rural area and the number of persons employed in such factories as exist is quite small.

The list of factories within the rural area is as follows:

	FACTORIES			
	Mechanical Power With	Mechanical Power Without	Total	Other Premises
Almeley	3	-	3	1
Blakemere	2	-	2	-
Byford	-	-	-	-
Canon Pyon	3	-	3	1
Dilwyn	1	-	1	1
Eardisland	1	-	1	1
Kinnersley	-	-	-	-
Moccas	1	-	1	-
Norton Canon	-	-	-	1
Preston-on-Wye	-	-	-	1
Weobley	7	-	7	2
	18	-	18	8

The 'Other Premises' described in the above list of factories include workshops, such as tradesmen's premises at which no-one except the owner or owners are employed. These premises are outside the definition of Factories as described in the Act.

RODENT CONTROL - SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricul-tural	All Other	TOTAL
Total No. of properties in Local Authority's district	12	1596	383	132	2123
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1962 as a result of notification	-	1	-	-	1
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1962 as a result of survey	12	405	122	13	552
Total number of visits made during 1962	156	406	122	14	698
Number of properties inspected which were found to be seriously infested with rats					
(a) Major	2	-	5	1	8
(b) Minor	1	20	7	-	28
Number of properties inspected which were found to be seriously infested with mice					
(a) Major	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Minor	-	-	-	-	-
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	3	-	-	-	3
Number of Notices served under Section 4 (Treatment)	-	-	-	-	-
(Structural works) (i.e. proofing)	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases in which default action was taken by Local Authority following the issue of a notice under Section 4	-	-	-	-	-
Legal Proceedings	-	-	-	-	-
Number of block control schemes carried out	NIL				

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

As required in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of Article 25 of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

Inspections under	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices complied with
Building Inspections and new buildings	300	-	-	-
Building Plans	149	-	-	-
Building Byelaws	5	8	-	8
Council Housing Schemes	165	-	-	-
Council House management and Maintenance	421	-	-	-
Council House Tenancy Investigations	60	-	-	-
Discretionary Grants	36	-	-	-
Drainage	8	-	-	-
Disinfection	2	-	-	-
Disinfestations	1	-	-	-
Dangerous Buildings	1	-	-	-
Farm Drainage	3	-	-	-
Food Premises	9	-	-	-
Food Hygiene Regulations	1	-	-	-
Housing Inspections	87	-	-	-
Hop-Pickers Quarters	2	-	-	-
H.C.N. Fumigation Regs.	2	-	-	-
Infectious Diseases	15	-	-	-
Ice-Cream Licences and samples	1	-	-	-
Meat Inspection	82	-	-	-
Milk Samples	42	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	84	-	-	-
Moveable Dwellings	24	-	-	-
Nuisances	33	6	-	6

SYNOPSIS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR
(Continued)

Inspections under	Number	Informal Notices Served	Statutory Notices Served	Notices complied with
Planning Duties	1	-	-	-
Petroleum Inspections	30	-	-	-
Public Offices	4	-	-	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	54	9	-	9
Rodent Control	9	37	-	37
Slaughterhouses	12	-	-	-
Sewage Disposal	104	-	-	-
Standard Grants	80	-	-	-
Valuation of Property	14	-	-	-
Water Samples	55	-	-	-
Water Supplies	57	-	-	-
TOTALS:	1,953	60		60

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 AND HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

Discretionary Improvement Grants

The Council first implemented the improvement grant scheme in 1952, since then 107 proposals have been approved, two of which being later withdrawn by the applicant. Dwellings improved under this scheme now amount to about 6.1% of all the houses within the area.

Six schemes were approved by the Council during the year, eleven were completed and grants paid, also a further application was received.

Standard Improvement Grants

The standard improvement grant scheme has been well received, and during the year 26 applications were made, 25 of which were approved, with 23 completed and paid.

Since the inauguration of the scheme in 1959 some 76 proposals, amounting to about 4% of all the houses within the area have been approved, one of which being later withdrawn by the applicant.

HOUSING AND BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

The Phase III housing scheme at Burton Wood, Weobley, was finally completed during the first four months of the year. Delays of course were caused on account of labour difficulties and shortage of materials.

Preparatory work in connection with the scheme for the erection of 14 houses and 6 bungalows at Canon Pyon was well advanced and further progress made as respects housing schemes for Bishopstone, Staunton-on-Wye, Norton Canon, Preston-on-Wye, and Moccas.

Unfortunately, however, following a Planning Appeal, proposals were finally refused by the County Council during April for the Bishopstone scheme, and in December a further refusal was encountered in connection with a site for 6 houses at Norton Canon. Both matters, however, were under further consideration by the Council towards the end of the year with a view to obtaining alternative sites.

A summary of Council Housing Schemes is as follows:-

	Completed	Year	Under construction	Year	Houses in preparatory stages	Year
Almeley	8	1951	-	-	-	-
	2	1955	-	-	-	-
	11	1956	-	-	-	-
Bishopstone	2	1945	-	-	13	1961
Canon Pyon	2	1945	-	-	20	1959
Dilwyn	12	1953	-	-	-	-
	4	1955	-	-	-	-
Eardisland	4	1954	-	-	-	-
	15	1955	-	-	-	-
Norton Canon	2	1944	-	-	6	1962
Moccas	-	-	-	-	6	1962
Preston-on-Wye	-	-	-	-	6	1962
Staunton-on-Wye	-	-	-	-	13	1962
Weobley	14	1949	-	-	-	-
	10	1955	-	-	-	-
	22	1956	-	-	-	-
	9	1957	-	-	-	-
(Conversions)	1	1948	-	-	-	-
	2	1952	-	-	-	-
	5	1952	-	-	-	-
	3	1958	-	-	-	-
Bungalows	6	1961	-	-	-	-
	6	1961	-	-	-	-
	20	1962	-	-	-	-
	160		-		64	

PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Eighteen new private dwellings were completed during the year and the construction of a further eighteen was started.

Wherever possible, the utmost assistance has been given by the staff to promote private building.

BUILDING PLANS

A total of 212 applications were dealt with during the year, as follows:-

Plans and particulars relating to:

Private garages	22
Alterations, additions & improvements ..	42
Drainage systems	15
Advertisement signs	5
Private houses	31
Overhead lines for M.E.B.	9
Petrol filling stations and pumps ..	5
Accesses	4
Sites for private dwellings	35
Farm buildings	7
Sites for moveable dwellings	6
Conversion of buildings	4
Council Housing schemes	7
Change of use of buildings	3
Extensions to Parish Hall	1
Village sewage disposal schemes	3
Car parking facilities	1
Slaughterhouses	2
Pumping stations (H.W.B.)	1
Scout Headquarters	2
Extensions to existing dwellings	7
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STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT AND CARBIDE

At the end of the year petrol storage capacity amounted to 42,650 gallons.

There are 7 petrol filling stations and 40 private storage tanks licenced for the storage of petroleum spirit.

No licences were issued during the year for the storage of carbide.

HOP-PICKER'S QUARTERS

The introduction of machinery for hop-picking has meant that local labour has largely satisfied the demands on smaller farms, thus very few dwellings were used during the season.

Number of farms having accommodation for pickers: .. 1

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The control of milk supplies is administered by the National Agricultural Advisory Service.

Ten inspections of food premises have been made in connection with the Food Hygiene Regulations. Inspections in the course of other duties have been undertaken from time to time.

SCHOOL MILK

By arrangement with the County Council, samples of milk are obtained and submitted for bacteriological and also biological examination. Thirtyone samples were sent for bacteriological examination during the year, six less than during 1961.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND BUTCHER'S SHOPS

There are two private slaughterhouses in the district, both of which have been regularly used during the year. The improvement of both establishments has been considered by the Council and in one case the necessary work was completed by the beginning of June, and in the other case improvement works were in progress but weather conditions had considerably delayed building operations.

During the year 98 Beasts, 1 Calf, 110 Sheep, 303 Lambs, and 139 pigs were slaughtered at the two establishments, and after inspection the following meat was considered to be unfit for human consumption and was voluntarily surrendered:-

10 Bovine livers, 5 Sheep livers, 2 Lambs' livers, 9 Pigs' livers, 1 Bovine carcase and organs, and 2 Pigs' hind quarters.

By comparison with 1961, slightly more animals were slaughtered in the area - 10.7% more.

100% inspection of all carcases and organs has been maintained, although as in previous years, this has frequently meant the working of extra time, outside normal working hours.

THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF ICE-CREAM

There are no ice-cream manufacturing premises in the area, all ice-cream sold is obtained in pre-packed wrappers from reputable manufacturers and stored in refrigerator containers prior to sale.

One further premises was registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16. There is now a total of 28 registered premises.

No samples were submitted for laboratory examination.

FOOD PREMISES

The list of food premises within the rural area is as follows:-

Premises	Number
Butcher's shops	3
Grocer's shops	23
Inns and Hotels	21
Snack Bars	1
School Canteens	2
Cafes	1

There are also a number of smaller shops which sell sundry items of food and sweets, chiefly in pre-packed wrappers.